

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE PCT NATIONAL STAGE APPLICATION OF Art Unit: 1621
WICHERT, ET AL Examiner: Nwaonicha, Chukwuma
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FOR: PROCESS FOR PURIFYING MESOTRIONE

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

The Office Action of April 14, 2008, has a shortened statutory time set to expire on July 14, 2008. A three-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a), such that a response to the Office Action is timely if filed by October 14, 2008.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 50-1676 in the name of Syngenta Crop Protection, Inc.

Respectfully submitted,

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